

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, LaJean Volmer has dedicated the past 36 years to serving the health needs of South Dakotans; and,

*Whereas*, LaJean joined the South Dakota Department of Health in 1967 as a microbiologist at the State Public Health Laboratory and became medical section supervisor in 1976; and,

*Whereas*, LaJean moved to the department's communicable disease prevention program in 1982 as a field services supervisor and assistant administrator, and became administrator in 1989; and,

*Whereas*, In 1999, LaJean took on the responsibility of coordinating the department's bioterrorism preparedness and response effort, eventually becoming the hospital preparedness coordinator; and,

*Whereas*, LaJean has had a special interest in preventing, detecting, and controlling infectious disease throughout her many public health positions, and has been a vocal advocate for working with local health care providers and communities in both disease control and preparedness efforts; and,

*Whereas*, LaJean was an active member of a wide variety of professional organizations, including South Dakota Public Health Association, South Dakota Environmental Health Association, American Public Health Association, American Society for Microbiology, and South Dakota Infection Control Council; and,

*Whereas*, LaJean received numerous awards during her career in recognition of her contributions to public health, including the G. J. Van Heuvelen Award for Outstanding Contributions to Public Health, HHS Medallion and Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding achievements in early childhood immunizations, and Indian Health Service Certificate for superior performance in increasing childhood immunizations; and,

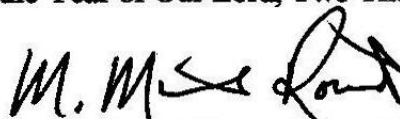
*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement from the Department of Health:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 23, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her co-workers, family, and friends in congratulating her on this well-earned retirement and wishing her a long, healthy, peaceful, and enjoyable retirement.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

